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To: Subst. House Bill No. **6025**

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(As Amended)

"AN ACT ALLOWING MEDICAL ASSISTANTS TO ADMINISTER VACCINES UNDER SUPERVISION."

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2017*) (a) For purposes of this
4 section, "medical assistant" means a person who (1) is certified by the
5 American Association of Medical Assistants or the American Medical
6 Technologists, and (2) has graduated from a postsecondary medical
7 assisting program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of
8 Allied Health Education Programs, the Accrediting Bureau of Health
9 Education Schools or the Accrediting Council for Independent
10 Colleges and Schools.

11 (b) A medical assistant may administer a vaccine to a person

12 eighteen years of age or older under the direct supervision, control and
13 responsibility of a physician licensed pursuant to chapter 370 of the
14 general statutes or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed
15 pursuant to chapter 378 of the general statutes. Prior to administering
16 a vaccine, a medical assistant shall complete not less than twenty-four
17 hours of classroom training and not less than eight hours of training in
18 a clinical setting regarding the administration of vaccines.

19 Sec. 2. Section 19a-6f of the general statutes is repealed and the
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

21 On or before January [1, 2017, and] first, annually, [thereafter,] the
22 Commissioner of Public Health shall obtain from the American
23 Association of Medical Assistants, [and] the National Healthcareer
24 Association and the American Medical Technologists a listing of all
25 state residents maintained on said organizations' registry of certified
26 medical assistants. The commissioner shall make such listings
27 available for public inspection.

28 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2017*) The Department of Public Health, in
29 consultation with the State Board of Naturopathic Examiners, the
30 Connecticut State Medical Society, the Connecticut Nurses' Association
31 and the Connecticut Hospital Association, shall evaluate (1)
32 educational, experience and examination requirements or other
33 qualifications that would permit naturopathic physicians to prescribe
34 and administer prescription drugs, except narcotics, consistent with
35 their scope of practice, and (2) a naturopathic formulary of over-the-
36 counter medications and prescription drugs that naturopathic
37 physicians who met such educational, experience and examination
38 requirements or other qualifications may use consistent with their
39 practice and training. Not later than January 1, 2018, the Commissioner
40 of Public Health shall report, in accordance with section 11-4a of the
41 general statutes, regarding the findings of its evaluation to the joint
42 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
43 matters relating to public health and public safety.

44 Sec. 4. Section 38a-472h of the general statutes is repealed and the
45 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2017*):

46 (a) No insurer, health care center, fraternal benefit society, hospital
47 service corporation, medical service corporation or other entity
48 delivering, issuing for delivery, renewing, amending or continuing:

49 (1) An individual or a group dental plan in this state shall include in
50 any contract with a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 379 that is
51 entered into, renewed or amended on or after January 1, 2012, any
52 provision that requires such dentist to accept as payment an amount
53 set by such insurer, center, society, corporation or entity for services or
54 procedures provided to an insured or enrollee that are not covered
55 benefits under such insured's or enrollee's plan; [or]

56 (2) An individual or a group vision plan in this state shall include in
57 any contract with an optometrist licensed pursuant to chapter 380 that
58 is entered into, renewed or amended on or after January 1, 2016, any
59 provision that requires such optometrist to accept as payment an
60 amount set by such insurer, center, society, corporation or entity for
61 services or procedures provided to an insured or enrollee that are not
62 covered benefits under such insured's or enrollee's plan; or

63 (3) An individual or a group vision plan in this state shall include in
64 any contract with an ophthalmologist licensed pursuant to chapter 370
65 that is entered into, renewed or amended on or after January 1, 2018, any
66 provision that requires such ophthalmologist to accept as payment an
67 amount set by such insurer, center, society, corporation or entity for
68 services, products or procedures provided to an insured or enrollee
69 that are not covered benefits under such insured's or enrollee's plan.

70 (b) No dentist [or optometrist] shall charge more for services or
71 procedures that are not covered benefits than such dentist's [or
72 optometrist's] usual and customary rate for such services or
73 procedures.

74 (c) No optometrist or ophthalmologist shall charge more for

75 services, products or procedures that are not covered benefits than
76 such optometrist's or ophthalmologist's usual and customary rate for
77 such services, products or procedures.

78 [(c)] (d) (1) Each evidence of coverage for an individual or a group
79 dental plan shall include the following statement:

80 "IMPORTANT: If you opt to receive dental services or procedures
81 that are not covered benefits under this plan, a participating dental
82 provider may charge you his or her usual and customary rate for such
83 services or procedures. Prior to providing you with dental services or
84 procedures that are not covered benefits, the dental provider should
85 provide you with a treatment plan that includes each anticipated
86 service or procedure to be provided and the estimated cost of each
87 such service or procedure. To fully understand your coverage, you
88 may wish to review your evidence of coverage document."

89 (2) Each evidence of coverage for an individual or a group vision
90 plan shall include the following statement:

91 "IMPORTANT: If you opt to receive optometric or ophthalmologic
92 services, products or procedures that are not covered benefits under
93 this plan, a participating optometrist or ophthalmologist may charge
94 you his or her usual and customary rate for such services, products or
95 procedures. Prior to providing you with optometric or ophthalmologic
96 services, products or procedures that are not covered benefits, the
97 optometrist or ophthalmologist should provide you with a treatment
98 plan that includes each anticipated service, product or procedure to be
99 provided and the estimated cost of each such service, product or
100 procedure. To fully understand your coverage, you may wish to
101 review your evidence of coverage document."

102 [(d)] (e) Each dentist [and optometrist] shall post, in a conspicuous
103 place, a notice stating that services or procedures that are not covered
104 benefits under an insurance policy or plan might not be offered at a
105 discounted rate.

106 (f) Each optometrist or ophthalmologist shall post, in a conspicuous
107 place, a notice stating that services, products or procedures that are not
108 covered benefits under an insurance policy or plan might not be
109 offered at a discounted rate.

110 ~~[(e)]~~ (g) The provisions of this section shall not apply to (1) a self-
111 insured plan that covers dental services or optometric services, or (2) a
112 contract that is incorporated in or derived from a collective bargaining
113 agreement or in which some or all of the material terms are subject to a
114 collective bargaining process."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	19a-6f
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2017</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>October 1, 2017</i>	38a-472h